

Color the: **SPANISH FLAG**



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The Spanish flag lives in deep water, too deep for SCUBA. Its striped color pattern resembles the national flag of Spain. This species is found on underwater mountains in the Gulf of Mexico.

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deep-reef habitat

large teeth for feeding on crabs and fishes

large spines in the fins and on the head protect the Spanish flag from larger fishes

Spanish flags usually occur in pairs. They patrol the reef wall and caves, often swimming vertically or upside down

red spot helps this fish recognize other members of the species